

## SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

- **Background** – summary of current facilities

Campbell County currently has 17 years of air space permitted in Phase III at the current disposal rate of 150 tons per day. We have Phase IV permitted that provides an additional 20+ years of disposal space if developed.

Lynchburg has 9 years of air space permitted at their current disposal rate of 550 tons per day. Their solid waste debt service will be retired in approximately 9 years near the projected date of closure.

- **Market Forces** – competition effects revenue

As you are aware both facilities have been forced to reduce tipping rates in recent years to maintain a reasonable revenue stream. One of the large private trash haulers received approval to construct a transfer station in the region and is seeking to construct a large regional landfill in a county adjacent to Campbell County. If the large regional landfill is approved, it would significantly affect all localities in the Region 2000 Area.

- **Regional Effort** – update on current study

The Region 2000 Regional Commission has just entered into a contract to conduct a study to determine the viability of regional solid waste. The initial findings should be available in early spring. When this study is completed, it will provide financial data and an unbiased and objective review of solid waste options.

- **Possible Options** – overview of joint operations

One option that needs to be shared with the group is joint operations of the Lynchburg and Campbell facilities. This would allow the City of Lynchburg to retire their debt and Campbell County to fill out Phase III to a good closeout point. Implementing joint operations would provide cost savings due to reduced equipment and man hour savings.

- **Moving Forward** – where we go from here

1. Authorize staff to begin to look at the details of joint operations while the first phase of the Regional Commission Study is completed.
2. Give staff the flexibility to continue the process in parallel with the regional study and adjust the approach as more information becomes available.
3. Plan for regular updates from staff and possible future joint workshop.